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Masterpiece

Photo by JOHN CONREY

Matthew Orsey of Granite City and Abby Halley of St. Louis wield their spatulas during the second annual Gingerbread House Making Contest at St. Louis Union Station Dec. 14. Thirty youngsters competed for prize by creating gingerbread masterpieces with graham crackers, icing and other ingredients.

Reason for the season

Christmas celebrates Christ's birth

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them; and the glory of the Lord shone round them; and they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:9-14

Christmas to millions around the world and in our own communities means much more than presents and bows, good cheer and a fictional fat man with a big heart.

"He came to be with us, came to show us what God is like, and came to be our Saviour."

Rev. Alan Redfern
pastor

faith in their God and hope for humanity. The very name "Christmas" is derived from "Christ Mass."

Some denominations celebrate the event on Dec. 25, others honor the birth earlier in December. Regardless of the actual day, it is a time for supreme joy.

The real meaning, said the Rev. Alan Redfern, pastor at Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 111, is that God entered



our world in the person of Jesus Christ.

"He came to be with us, came to show us what God is like, and came to be our Saviour," he said. "Christmas is God's gift to the world."

The real reason was the theme of the children's program (See REASON, Page 4A)

Universal holiday

Rituals not limited to American traditions

By Allyson McCollum
Staff writer

While decking the halls around St. Louis, some give Christmas a foreign flair.

People of other national origins often maintain some of their native holiday customs though they live in the United States. St. Louis has its share of those celebrating Christmas customs of other lands.

Each year the Swedish Council of St. Louis hosts a pageant celebrating the custom of Santa Lucia.

This Italian saint was adopted by the Swedes in the early 1900s. Since then, Dec. 13 has been her day, said Lotte Fox, a member of the council and a Clayton resident.

On that day, the oldest daughter in a family wakes before dawn to take breakfast to her parents, who are still in bed.

She wears a white gown with a red sash and a crown of candles and lingonberries.

The main Christmas celebration is on Dec. 24, when Santa Claus, known as "Jul Tomte," comes to visit the children. He dresses much like our American-style Santa and is accompanied by elves.

The season officially ends on Jan. 13, the "20 of Knut," when the tree is thrown out.

As in Sweden, there are traditionally two Christmas celebrations in Czechoslovakia. The Feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated Dec. 6 and Christmas on Dec. 24 and 25.

The evening of Dec. 5, children put out stockings, much as they would here, said Mary Ann Sulz, a member of the American Czech Center and a south St. Louis resident.

(See WORLD, Page 5A)

Santa Claus was in the house!

By Cheryl A. Moody
Staff writer

Barbie dolls, Nintendo 64s, Hot Wheels, fire trucks, Giga Pets and baby dolls that really wet are just a few of the requests Santa Claus said he has been getting this year from little boys and girls.

One little girl wanted four Giga Pets, Santa said. "Everyone wants the Giga pet dog."

Santa said some children put in requests for real puppies and kittens.

"One little girl even wanted a real horse!" Santa said. "I told her I'd see what I could do."

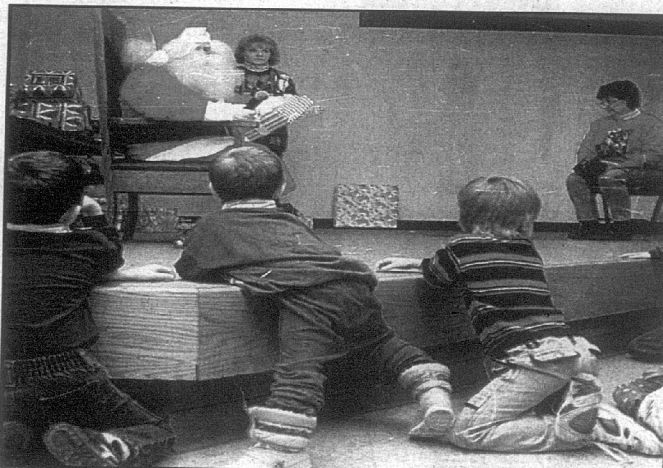
Santa has kept a busy schedule this year, starting the day after Thanksgiving when he arrived in Granite City.

"I go all over to see children," Santa said. "I've seen at least 300 boys and girls in Belleville alone."

As we all know, Santa's real home is in the North Pole with Mrs. Claus. He said once he goes back to the North Pole after Christmas, he will start right away making toys for next year.

"We make all of our toys," he said. Santa said he helps the elves make toys. He said Mrs. Claus helps, too.

(See SANTA, Page 4A)



Santa, assisted by "elf" Nancy Sanders, hands out toys at the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party.

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

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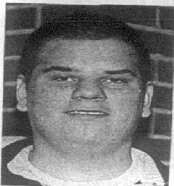
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What are you most thankful for this holiday season?



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Jeremy Ellis, 18
student
Granite City



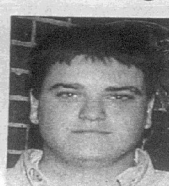
"Not just this Christmas, but every Christmas, I am thankful for my family. Without them I would have nothing."
Dena Cuppett, 18
college student
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"I am thankful for time — the time I have to spend with my family."
Christopher McBride, 18
student
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"I am thankful for all the good memories of the past year, and, of course, my family and friends."
Jamie Ellis, 16
student
Granite City



"I am thankful for my truck, that has never left me stranded. And also my friends and family."
Terry Kroher, 18
student
Granite City

Photos by Shirley Valencia
Interviewed at Tri City Park Youth Center

Helpers make Santa reality

By Alene Hill
Staff writer

With the formidable task that Santa Claus takes on every year, it's a good thing helpers like Collinsville resident Jim Douglas can provide a little field work.

"Santa has to have helpers," Douglas said. "It's a big job." Douglas, an East St. Louis native who later lived in Belleville, moved to Collinsville about nine years ago, when he married his wife, Dorothy, who lived in Collinsville.

He has served as a Santa surrogate since he retired from the St. Clair County Club where he worked for about 10 years. Before that, he worked 15 years at the Missouri Athletic Club.

Douglas visits parties, nursing homes — almost anywhere he is needed. As Santa's helper, his job includes taking Christmas lists, fielding questions about how sleighs operate, and reminding one and all about the importance of good behavior.

"Children don't miss a thing," he said. "I had one little boy three or four years old, look at my glasses and say, 'Hey, you got new glasses since last year.' Another little girl told me she saw me driving around the block. I have lots of fun with this."

Over the years, he has perfected his technique for dealing with little children who may be afraid of him.

"The reindeer are in good shape and everything is ready. But, we still have to behave."

Jim Douglas
Santa's surrogate

"I show them my bell, or give them candy," Douglas said. "Then slowly, they'll come sit on my knee." It's when he visits nursing homes, he said, that he really sees just how much a part of life Santa really is.

"They will tug on my sleeve, smile, and say 'Hello, Santa. They enjoy Christmas as much as children,'" Douglas said. "It makes me feel good, too."

The only problem, as Douglas sees it, is that the season doesn't last long enough. "That's the bad thing. I only get to do it once a year, then I have to wait a year," he said.

During his off season, Douglas is active with the Lion's Club, plays golf, and spends time with his family.

Plans for this year's visit from old St. Nick, he said, are running smoothly. "Everything is on schedule. The reindeer are in good shape and everything is ready," he said. "But, we still have to behave."

Traditions abound with Jewish celebration

By Cathy Pollack
Correspondent

Snow is falling, decorated pine trees scent living rooms, holiday shoppers abound, so it must be — Hanukkah? This year the eight-day Jewish holiday Hanukkah begins at sundown, Dec. 23, overlapping with Christmas.

The holidays may coincide this year, but events commemorating Hanukkah occurred 160

years, said Rabbi Ephraim Zimand, of Traditional Congregation in Creve Coeur.

The battle of the Jewish Maccabees against the Syrians in Israel began in 165 B.C., Zimand said. "So the youngest of our festivals is older than the birth of Christ," he said.

Like all Jewish holidays, the civil calendar date varies from year to year, although the Hebrew date remains the same. Therefore, the holiday

mas season, or as early as Thanksgiving.

Hanukkah celebrates a victory over attempted destruction of Judaism and the re-dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, after the Syrians defiled it with pagan rituals during the war.

The holiday also marks the military victory of the Jews,

led by Judah Maccabee, over King Antiochus IV of Syria. Jews who wished to follow the traditional Judaism were in conflict not only with the Syrians, but also with their fellow Jews who had been leaning toward following Greek ways. In a way, Zimand said, this was a civil war as well. (See HOLIDAY, Page 5A)

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NEWS

Red Cross offers first aid for the holidays

Enjoying a safe and happy holiday season can be marred by lack of preparedness.

To help residents enjoy the holiday, and be prepared to handle emergency situations year-long, the Tri-City Red Cross has a unique present idea for Christmas this year: first aid kits.

The Red Cross has several types of first aid kits available for house, car, business, ball fields or wherever an emergency might happen. The kits offered are:

• **Speedy Pack** — The small, compact kit can be taken anywhere to treat minor cuts, scrapes and insect bites and stings. It comes in a water-proof, nylon zipper bag that when unzipped lays flat to expose pouches with a variety

of first aid products.

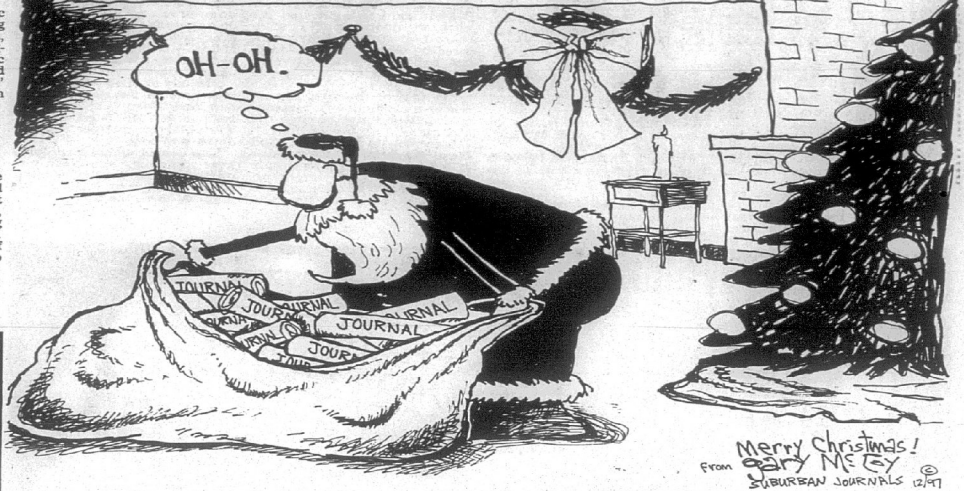
The kit contains plastic strips, knuckle bandages, sting relief pads, antibiotic ointment, latex gloves, fingertip bandages, wound pads, antiseptic wipes, safety pins and a Red Cross "Check, Call and Care" card to guide people through emergencies.

The **Speedy Pack** is perfect for professionals, baby-sitters or a lady's purse, according to the Red Cross. Cost is \$10.

• **Sport First Aid Kit** — The sport kit is slightly larger and designed for those on the go. It is made for hikers, bikers, boaters, and youths playing soccer, football and hockey. The kit comes in a water-proof lunch-style bag with a belt loop for mobility and easy access.

(See KIT, Page 5A)

It was at that moment that Santa realized he picked up the wrong bag after his bus ride sitting next to the paper boy.



Bring outdoors in, drive winter blues out

The breezy, outdoor sense of summer doesn't have to fall victim to the first frost. The Home Furnishings Council suggests a few simple decorating tricks that can help bring the outdoors inside with you, pro-

longing a fresh-air feel long after the leaves hit the ground.

Start with the obvious: outdoor furniture transplanted indoors. No longer banished to the basement till spring, some outdoor items are now wintering in the living room, bedroom or bath — or residing there year-round. Try a handsome twig table next to a rounded winter armchair; a weathered stone bench as a

window seat, or base for pots of indoor greenery; a simple iron garden chair catching towels in the corner of a bathroom. And remember: the off-season is the best season for bargains, as most outdoor furnishing stores clear out their summer stock.

"Outdoor furniture can lend a wonderful lodge-like air to a home," says Janet Wansor, of California-based Jensen Jarrah furniture company. Jensen Jarrah makes a line of leisure and garden furniture crafted from Australian hardwood. "We have a trestle-leg table that would be perfect in a country dining room, or a park bench that could be gorgeous with a few tapestry pillows."

Pictures, wall hangings and mirrors make easy outdoor accents. Botanical prints and lush gardens scenes can fill a corner with color. And a simple mirror positioned opposite a window brings shifting light and treetop views directly into a dark hallway or bedroom.

Look for frames and mirrors in softer colors or natural materials, suggests Richard Holt, an Executive Vice President at Carolina Mirror Company. "Fall we're offering wrought iron mirrors, pastel colors, and stone mirrors—casual styles which can tie together indoor and outdoor areas," Holt says.

Outdoor or summery fabrics such as chintz, natural ticking or cotton duck also help soften the transition between seasons. Don't be afraid to mix it up: one big armchair covered in canvas and positioned by a window won't clash with heavier fabrics used elsewhere. Even a few throw pillows in a bright floral print can enliven a wintry space cloaked in comforting neutrals.

Bottom line: winter is long (See WINTER, Page 4A)

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NEWS

Santa

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 "I miss Mrs. Claus," Santa said.
 "She's back at the North Pole baking cookies and supervising the elves."
 And speaking of cookies — Santa said he loves cookies and milk.
 "Chocolate chip is my favorite," he said.
 He said children can leave carrots sitting out for the reindeer.
 Santa said the reindeer are at the North Pole, getting ready for the long trip.
 He said Rudolph seems to be everyone's favorite reindeer.
 "Landing on the rooftops without snow can be kind of tricky," Santa said.
 "But I've had lots of practice."
 Santa said there is almost always snow at the North Pole.
 He wears lots of fur there to

land on top of it.
 "Make sure there isn't a fire in the fireplace," he said.
 If there isn't a chimney, Santa said he has a magical key to get in with.
 Although he tries not to disturb the sleeping children, once in a while he does get caught.
 "I just wave at them," he said.
 During his spare time, Santa looks through the newspaper, looking for stories about good boys and girls.
 Doing homework is one of the most important things kids can do, Santa said.
 Although Santa said he tries to bring everything that all the children ask for, it's just not possible.
 "I don't make any big promises," he said.
 "Our sleigh's so loaded that we can't bring everything they

Reason

(Continued from Page 1A)
 Sunday night at Pontoon Baptist, Redfern quoted Gardener Taylor, the famous East Coast preacher:
 "One starry night, God slipped down the back stairs of Heaven and laid a baby on the world's doorstep." It's a charming image, only tempered by what the world did to that baby," he said, referring to the crucifixion of Christ years later.
 The tale of the first Christmas is a familiar one, recounted countless times through the centuries.
 According to the Bible, God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus by way of immaculate conception. Her intended, Joseph, became concerned she was with child, but an angel

came to him in a dream and told him not to worry and take Mary as his wife. At that time, Caesar Augustus, emperor of the Roman Empire, ordered a census of the world. Everyone was required to return to his hometown to be counted. Joseph took a very pregnant Mary with him to the city of David — Bethlehem — because he was of the house and lineage of David.
 The city swelled with a population set on the move by Caesar, and Joseph could find no room to let. He found, instead, a stable, or manger. There, Jesus was born.
 The Gospel of Luke recounts how angels appeared to numerous shepherds keeping night watch over their flocks and told them the news.

The Gospel of Matthew tells of three wise men, or Magi, who came from the east following a star to where the baby Jesus lay, and how, even at that early age, some in the world set against Jesus. King Herod met the wise men looking for the King of the Jews. Herod said he wanted to worship as well, but actually wanted to kill the baby.
 Angels came to both the wise men and Joseph warning about Herod, and both parties left the area — the wise men back to their own country and Joseph and his family to Egypt.
 Jesus, of course, grew up to launch his ministry that changed the course of humanity.

Winter

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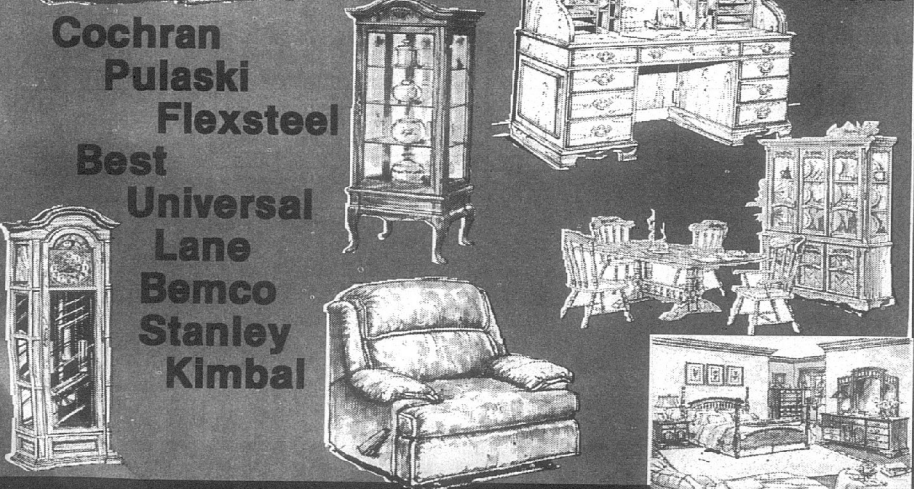
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World

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St. Nicholas is dressed as a bishop and comes to see children, accompanied by an angel and a devil, she said. St. Nicholas fills the stockings with gifts, fruits and nuts, and possibly a piece of coal or a potato if the child was bad, she said.

In Ethiopia, Christmas is celebrated on Jan. 7, because the Ethiopian calendar is different from the European calendar, said Gedlu Metferia, who lives in the Central West End. He is director of the Ethiopian Community Association.

Most of Christmas Eve night is spent in religious services reciting a liturgy, praying and singing.

"Pere Noel" comes to visit children in France. He is not fat, but instead is dressed like a monk in wooden shoes and a hooded red robe tied with a rope around the waist, said Jacques Chiconneau, a Creve Coeur resident and president of the French Society.

Christmas in Peru begins nine days before Christmas Eve, when families and friends begin gathering together every night to pray and sing, said Anibal Zambrano, of Warsaw Woods.

Then on Dec. 24, teens gather in groups representing the shepherds and the three wise men from the story of Christ's birth. They begin walking through towns singing songs at about 7 p.m., Zambrano said.

Holiday

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However, the sages who wrote the Talmud, a compilation of rabbinic teachings, wished to emphasize the spiritual victory over the military one. The temple's re-dedication to the Lord, therefore, was stressed. Temple dedications in ancient times lasted eight days, one reason why the modern holiday is eight days.

A better-known reason is because of the Hanukkah miracle: when searching for oil to light the Temple menorah, only a one-day supply of oil was found, but this lasted eight days. Today, most people light candles, instead, but there are some who still use oil.

To commemorate the miracle of the oil, foods are eaten

during the holiday that require oil: potato pancakes, or latkes, in the United States and jelly doughnuts in Israel. Zimand recommends breaking a bit with tradition, though, and going with fried chicken.

Family games are played with dreidels, four-sided spinning tops with Hebrew letters on them. Like Christmas, gifts have become a part of the holiday, but originally only coins, or gelt, were given.

Coins are also a historical part of the holiday; when the Maccabees ruled, they were their own state, and as almost every ruler in history has done, the Maccabees struck coins to emphasize the state's independence.

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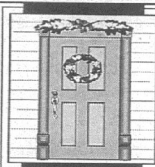
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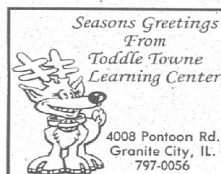
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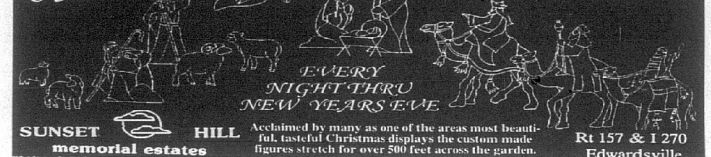
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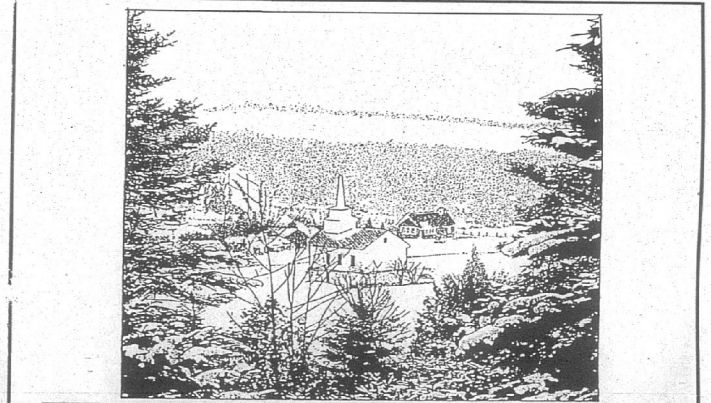
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Holidays spur memories of Wiley, Schwarz

The holiday season has a way of stirring memories. Often, my Dad (Elmer) would tell me to think of him at the sound of "Noel."

In addition to Pop, as I called him, I think of others — including Raymond "Captain Jack" Wiley and Norman "Bimbo" Schwarz of Belleville — at this time of goodwill....

When Jack Wiley died at age 76 on Aug. 29 at the Swansea Care Center, I recalled my youth — especially my high school years — when Jack managed the pool tables at the Central Cigar Store in Belleville.

Is there any way to measure how many other persons encountered Jack, who also served as a parking lot attendant at the St. Clair County Courthouse?

For me, my rite of teenage passing featured much more than learning about life from what might be related to the rule of 9-ball or 3-, 5-, and 8-ball pool.

One could learn from the philosophical discussions on life's topics between Jack and a shoe shine man named Joe Woodson, or appreciate the No. 1 conversation piece of a pool hall — sports.

It was thanks to Jack that I became a Brooklyn Dodgers baseball fan, because to him there was no other ballplayer to pay attention to in the mid-1950s than Jackie Robinson. Thus, it came as no surprise that from the vantage point of pool table or lunch counter at what was then Serth's Cigar Store, Robinson was the star of televised all-star and World Series games.

Yet, Jack Wiley did more than draw attention to Mr. Robinson. A tireless worker, Mr. Wiley also became an example of honesty and fairness so much so that in college, when I was asked to write a paper about someone I respect but someone not in life's limelight, I wrote about Jack.

After Jack's death I learned of others who admired him. According to Ted Tedesco of Belleville, "We had a Cathedral High (40th) reunion in (See ART, Page 3B)"

Coach looks to '98 after slow start

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Four talented newcomers and the return of a top-ranked wrestler in NCAA Division II has Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville coach Larry Kristoff excited about the 1998 portion of the Cougar schedule.

The '97 part of the season did not go that well as the Cougars competed in two tournaments (the St. Louis Open and the Northern Iowa Invitational) with minimal success. They also lost their only two dual meets (to Missouri Valley 24-19 and Central Oklahoma 39-6) but they had to forfeit in three weight classes against Missouri Valley and four against Central Oklahoma.

SIUE WRESTLING

"We have some holes right now," Kristoff said. "But when we get the team together we'll be alright."

Senior Jason Carter is one wrestler Kristoff is anxious to get back in the line-up. The 190-pounder has yet to make weight in a meet this season.

"Jason had a good season last year and made it to the semifinals in the national tournament," Kristoff said. "He was winning 4-0 in his semifinal match when he pulled a hamstring muscle and had to default."

"Jason went home for about four weeks during the summer, and I guess he ate a lot of home cooking because he gained about 45 pounds in that

time," Kristoff said.

The top two finishers at the national meet graduated, and since Carter had wins over the third- and fourth-place finishers, he is ranked No. 1 currently in Division II despite not having a match.

Carter is currently on a nutritional diet, and Kristoff hopes to have him back shortly.

A pair of junior college transfers from Lincoln Junior College have made immediate contributions for the Cougars.

Junior Elijah Roberts has been the star of the early season for the Cougars. The junior, who is wrestling at 150 pounds, has had some impressive outings this season. He took third in

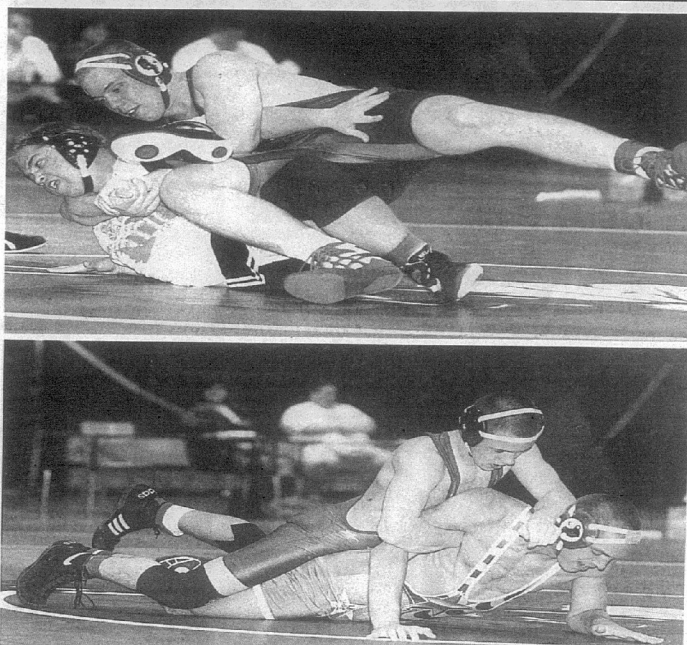
the St. Louis Open, losing to Eric Siebert of the University of Illinois in the semifinals.

Siebert is ranked No. 2 in NCAA Division I. He also advanced to the championship match at Northern Iowa, and in the process, pinned Jamie Heidt of the University of Iowa in the quarterfinals.

"He came down for a visit, and I had my doubts about him," Kristoff said. "But he is not only a tough wrestler but a peach of a kid. I'd still like him if he wasn't good, and he is very good."

Sophomore Titus Taylor, who is wrestling at 158 and 167, is the other transfer from Lincoln Junior College. (See SIUE, Page 3B)

WRESTLING



Above, John Kelly, top, wrestles like Newman during a practice match. Far above, Kevin Venne, top, gets the advantage on Daniel Chalevik. (Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

GCHS dominates Quadrangular

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

On Dec. 12, the Granite City High School Wrestling Warriors traveled to Springfield for the Lanphier High School Quadrangular, smoking both the host school and Champaign Centennial.

Against the Lanphier Lions, Richie Carney opened competition in the 100-pound weight class with a win by fall at 5:19 after opening an impressive 12-1 lead in points.

After Chad Wilson won by forfeit at 112 pounds, Adame Dunnivant crushed Otis Nel-

son 12-2 in a 119-pound match, staking the Warriors to a quick 16-0 lead.

Brett Garland edged Ben Lofink 10-9 at 125 pounds, giving the Lions three points, but the Warriors prevailed in the next nine matches.

At 130 pounds, John Kelly won by fall at 1:08; at 135 pounds, Matt Werner won by fall at 0:42; at 152 pounds, Jonas Janek won by fall at 1:11; at 160 pounds, Matt Levart won by fall at 4:30; at 171 pounds, George Kirgan won by fall at 1:34; at 188 pounds, Kevin Venne won by fall at (See DOMINATE, Page 3B)

A mixed bag against Maroons

Freshmen win, JV falls in close contests

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Although the varsity wrestlers easily handled the visiting Belleville West Maroons Dec. 18, the freshman and junior varsity meets were much closer.

The Granite City High School freshman squad eeked out a narrow 35-33 win, overcoming a forfeit in the 152-pound weight class.

The Warriors struck first and quickly, with Steven Peach (103 pounds) pinning Gary Staub in just 27 seconds

of the opening period. But the Maroons reeled off four straight wins for a sudden 21-5 advantage. Craig Schwobel pinned Adam Johnsee (112) at 0:20, Mike Muth won by fall over Sean Dusky (119) at 0:56, Scott Hunkey pinned Scott Carney (125) at 1:16, and Dustin Eskart outscored Gerald Curtis (130) 11-6.

Dan Watson (135) put the Warriors back on the winning track with a quick pin of Sam Godard at 1:07 of the first period. But a pair of big wins by West — Austin Bequettz (See MIXED, Page 3B)

HOCKEY

Slater adds third shutout to streak

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

On Dec. 17 at the Wilson Park Ice Arena, the Belleville Althoff Crusaders found out what Cahokia and Alton already knew. It's hard to score a goal against Warriors net-minder Robyn Slater.

For the third consecutive game, Slater held an opponent scoreless. Bobby Meszaros' second-period goal stood up as the Warriors skated to a hard-fought 5-0 win and into sole possession of first place in the Southern conference of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association.

The Granite City Warriors are 5-0-1 on the year, the only undefeated team in the MVCHA.

The Warriors were short-handed coming in as defenseman Bill Fiori was injured and Bill Cahill was serving a game misconduct. Goalies Scott Bronnbauer and Brandon Collins also did not dress for the contest.

With a shortage of defensemen, coach Paul Solberger moved David Svezia and Greg

Pritchard into defensive positions.

"We knew the Crusaders were bigger than our team, yet our players initiated the checks and took the penalties to keep Althoff off their game," said Solberger. "With Althoff's size, it was important that we keep them off balance. Our players executed our plan with solid checks and forcing the puck carrier with their attacks."

The defense was at its best early, killing off a two-minute five-on-three Althoff advantage, allowing the Crusaders just two shots on goal. Slater turned away eight shots in the period.

With 6:42 remaining in the second period, Vince Whittenburg broke the puck free from the Crusaders and sent a soft pass off the boards to Meszaros, who skated through the defense and in on Crusader goalie B. J. Vogt. Meszaros made a quick move to his forehand, brought the puck back and shot a low backhand, glove side, for the lone tally.

Both defenses continued to play well in the third period. (See STREAK, Page 3B)



Jon Burns skates in past a Hazelwood Central defender. The Warriors defeated the Althoff Crusaders 1-0 Dec. 17. (Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

SPORTS

Metro East Masters on a roll

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

In its fifth year of existence, the Metro East Masters Bowling League is bigger and better than ever.

The MEMBL has 12 teams in two divisions, which compete on Monday nights on a rotating basis at four area centers: St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon, Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville, Panorama Lanes in Belleville and West Park Bowl in Columbia. In addition to its high competitive standards, bowlers must have a minimum average of 150 in other leagues to qualify for the Metro East Masters also raises money for charity.

"Every team has its own separate charity they donate to at the end of the season," said Steve Siegel, vice commissioner of the MEMBL. "The money is raised in different ways. We have a 50/50 raffle where half of the money goes to the charities and we hold a tournament where some of the proceeds go to charity."

"The league's popularity is growing. A lot of St. Louis bowlers are interested. The 12 team captains are voted on by league officials and we have a draft at the beginning of every season. There are five people on each team, but only four

can bowl at a time. Everyone has to bowl at least one game. We've had six 300 games, including two in the last two weeks."

This season's list of 300 bowlers features John Bogacki, Todd Wiesemann, Gary White, Mike Imes, Frank G. Wieman and Terry Loehring.

Other notables on the MEMBL include:

- Three PBA members: Steve Bergan, Mark Seifert (the current all-Air Force champion) and Mike Mineman, who has cashed in on all 15 PBA regional this year.

- Five military members: Seifert, Bergan, Doug Kaup, Don Doole and John Kelley.
- Five St. Louis members: Barb Thorberg, Steve Boxerman, Ron Krippelec, John Bonzo and Bill Schmitt.

- Three female bowlers: Thorberg, Jana Luden and Linda Bradshaw.
- "Some of the top juniors are coming up into the masters league and doing quite well," Siegel said. "We have bowlers who are 18 or 19 years old all the way up to people in their 70s."

"Our season starts in the middle of August and the regular season runs for 33 weeks,

with three 11-week sessions. The playoffs run for three weeks. The winners of each session (in each division) qualify for the playoffs, as does a wild-card team."

The MEMBL's Division A features Busch Mountain Men, Jack Schmitt Chevy World, Auffenberg Ford, Bovinette Insurance, Kelso Auto Body and Viviano's Italian Restaurant. Members of Division B are Heritage Lincoln-Mercury, Miller Genuine Draft, South of the Border Taco Bell, Midwest Title Insurance, Kuna Meats and West Park Bowl Eagles.

"Each sponsor pays \$1,000 per year, which covers bowling fees and shirts for their team," Siegel said. "We're willing to expand, but other houses have to meet certain criteria. They have to bring in their own team sponsors."

"On Monday nights (matches start at 9:15 p.m.), we get quite a few people out to watch us. Once people start learning the names of these bowlers and see some of the scores they shoot, even more of them will come out to watch us."

For more information on the Metro East Masters, call St. Clair Bowl at 632-2400; Bel-Air Bowl at 333-1703; Panorama Lanes at 334-2511; or West Park Bowl at 381-7651.

Cardinals Team of the Week

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A Belle-Clair Soccer League girls midget Division B team, sponsored by West Pointe Bank and Trust Co., finished the season with a 9-0-3 record. Front row (from left): Michelle Davis; Lauren Watkins, Sarah Glueck, Katie Ludgate, Emily Magrath and Andrea Kienitz; Back row: assistant coach Mark Glueck, Meghan Sullivan, Katie Murphy, Katelyn Panzau, assistant coach Don Murphy, Christina Cannady, Jenna Renner and coach Molly Watkins. Not pictured: Lindsey Evans.

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33x12.50R15/6	102	137

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GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by youth minister, 6 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1800 Pontoon Road.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2101 Cleveland Blvd. holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and has preschool available. Morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone is welcome.

Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. the fifth Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2339 or Diane at 876-1360.

MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 monthly meeting, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Maryville and Old Alton roads.

Dance

MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB (MUSIC) regular monthly meeting is held every other Sunday evening at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. Non-members welcome. Dance lessons from beginning to advance are given from 6 to 8 p.m. Open dancing to all members. Cost is \$4 for nonmember and \$2 for members.

BOOTS & SLIPPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, square dance lessons, 7 to 9 p.m., every Monday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$2.50 per person, per lesson. For more information, call 787-6528 or 344-4636.

Food/Nutrition

POLISH PIEROGI SALE, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 930 Reynolds, Madison, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 28. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kraut, potato, sausage and kraut, plum pudding and taco. Carry-outs only. Special holiday feature: Whole plum pierogi, \$8 per dozen. Cooked and ready to heat and eat. Order ahead by calling 876-5860, 876-3896, or 931-3367.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH monthly country breakfast the second Saturday of every month, at 2001 St. Clair Ave. Meals are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade jellies, coffee and more. Call 451-7768 for more information.

RESCUE MISSION, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

GRANITE CITY FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 12th Street and Edwardsville Road, hot meals served free of charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need or those who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9635.

Health/Exercise

Bemis Chiropractic, 3361 Fehling Road in Granite City, is offering **FREE ELECTRONIC SPINAL SCREENINGS** from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday. Call 876-2273 for more information.

TOPS 2363, 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information call Bobbie at 452-0273.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City, 876-2124.

TOPS 11645, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.



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Toy story

A group of Blair School students take a look at some of the toys Wal-Mart toy department manager Trish Hoback brought with her to a question-and-answer session with parents at the school regarding toy safety.

TOPS 1699, (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 8:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., call 787-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS 11247, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Briarcliff Pentecostal Church, 1120 Pontoon Road, Granite City, downstairs. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Lisa at 931-3602.

Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, meets at Granite City Township Hall second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 60 and over are welcome. For more information call 877-3020.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP of Central Christian Church meets at 8:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information and/or location of meetings call 931-2098.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meets at Jory's Cafeteria, Dinner at 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each

month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every other month at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3065 for more information.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA, meets at 7:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2209.

THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

LYDIA CIRCLE of Nameoki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1936.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month, except July, at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road. Installation of officers will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 23, the Holy Family Community Center.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 905 Thorngate Drive, Millon, Ill.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m., every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m., first Friday of each month, at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7386; and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION, District #491 of Granite City will have their annual Christmas Party at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. Members only.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 25th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION SOCIETY, 8 p.m., second Friday of each month, Granite City, 876-7715.

GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 25th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

THE PONTOON BEACH JAYCEES popular meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Sunday of each month, at Ralph and Charlie's Steak House. The meetings are open to the public is invited.

METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., first Monday of each month, call Beverly Zager, 254-6364.

ELKETTES, Granite City Lodge 1083, Maryville Road, 8:31-10:07 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Granite City unit, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 876-7026 or 931-3735.

TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157 (44 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-0209 or 944-2098.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NAFPE) Chapter 1067 meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 1:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-6450.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-5808, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3rd Degree, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 (See CALENDAR, Page 76)

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OBITUARIES

William Murphy
WILLIAM H. MURPHY, 68, of St. Louis, died at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 1997, at his residence.
 Murphy was born April 3, 1929, in Granite City to William and Edna (Mont) Murphy. He was a security guard with Hudson Security of St. Louis, and was also a U.S.M.C. Veteran of the Korean War. He was also a former member of the Grace Baptist Church in Granite City.
 Survivors include his wife Shirley (Meyer) Murphy, one daughter, Lavonne Valdez of Granite City, one sister, Mary Miffelin of Washington Park, two stepsons, James McMullan of Granite City and Edward Crowell of Missouri; three stepdaughters, Karen and Karen-Grace City, Kathy Burris of Glen Carbon, and Shirley Everard of Ventura, Calif.
 He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers.
 Services will be Saturday, Jan. 3,

1998, at 1 p.m. at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Crematory services will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to the family.
William Corzilius
WILLIAM R. CORZILIUS, 71, of Granite City died Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997, at the Colonial Care Center in Granite City.
 Corzilius was born on August 16, 1926, in Grove, Wis., where he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison while enrolled in the U.S. Navy's V-12 program. He was an active member of Namekoi Presbyterian Church, serving both as an elder and a deacon, he also served on the Board of Directors at Sunset Hills Country Club.
 Survivors include his wife Winona (Conner) Corzilius; three daughters, Karen Truman of Lebanon, Ohio, Connie Corzilius Spasser of Clayton, Mo., and Rebecca Corzilius of Mount Prospect, Ill.; two brothers,

Lenore McBride of Arizona, and David Corzilius of Rome, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Alison and Abigail Spasser and Clayton Truman.
 Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Irwin Chapel. Services will follow at Irwin Chapel at 11 a.m., with interment at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Edwardsville.
 Memorials can be made to Neurology/ICU Surgery, Barnes Jewish Hospital Foundation, Attn: Donna Sloops, 216 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.
Bennie Hutchins
BENNIE E. "BUD" HUTCHINS, 58, of Granite City died Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.
 Hutchins was born August 1, 1939 in Granite City, to Lee Roy and Elva (Wise) Hutchins. He was a U.S. Veteran and retired in 1989 from Granite City Steel. He owned

and operated Bud's House of Gold in Granite City, and was affiliated with the congregations of Family Worship Center, Harvest Assembly, Jesus' Place, and Greater Glory and Calvary Pentecostal Assembly.
 Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Gardner of Collinsville and Laura Baker of Belleville; three brothers, Thomas Hutchins of Arkansas, Royce and Danny Hutchins both of Granite City; one sister, Kathleen Hancock of Granite City; and five grandchildren.
 He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Oral Hutchins.
 Services will be today, Dec. 24, at 11 a.m. at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Eddie Brown and Rev. Roy Boyer officiating.
 Memorials may be made to Jesus' Place or Harvest Assembly Royal Rangers. Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

Sylvester Bandy
SYLVESTER RAY BANDY, 70, of Summerville, Mo., died Friday, Dec. 19, 1997.
 Bandy was born Oct. 11, 1927, in Summerville, Mo., to Benjamin and Mary (Dicy) Bandy. He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired from the Intercounty Electric Cooperative in 1990. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Summerville.
 Survivors include his wife Betty Jo (Jackson) Bandy; one daughter, Sylvia; one son, Jeffrey; one sister, Virginia Head of Granite City; two brothers, Virgil of Summerville, and Claude of Granite City; and four grandchildren, Weasley, Elizabeth, Michael, and Adam.
 He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister, and a infant granddaughter, Alexandra.
 Services were Monday, Dec. 22, at First Baptist Church in Summerville, with the Rev. Lewis Shugart

and Rev. Phil Jester officiating. Burial followed in the Summerville City Cemetery.
 Arrangements were under the direction of Bradford Funeral Home in Summerville.
Natasha Urkewich
NATASHA MARIE URKEWICH, 6, of Granite City, died at 6:03 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She was born Aug. 13, 1991, in Iowa City, Iowa.
 Survivors include her mother, Karen Urkewich of Granite City; grandparents Joseph and Dolores Hurkewich of Edwardsville; uncle, Richard Urkewich of Shiloh Park; aunt, Victoria Haynes of San Francisco.
 Services will be Saturday, Dec. 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Anthony Cook officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Young drivers face law changes

By Steve Whitworth
 Telegraph staff writer

Illinois drivers younger than 21 face a series of changes in state law beginning Jan. 1.
 Secretary of State George H. Ryan has announced a new public awareness campaign designed to teach young drivers, their parents and high school driving instructors about the provisions of the state's new graduated drivers' licensing law, which takes effect in 1998.
 "If you already have your license and are between the ages of 16 and 21, the law affects you," said Ryan's press secretary, Dave Urbanek. "There are tougher penalties in the law for breaking traffic laws. There are also restrictions on the number of passengers in your car if you are 18 or under."
 Allstate Insurance Co., based in the Chicago suburb of Northbrook, is teaming up with Ryan to produce a multifaceted education program to inform young drivers, parents, teachers, law enforcement and court officials about the new "Graduate to Safety" law.
 A newsletter, workbooks and a video will be distributed in schools, libraries and the 137 driver services facilities around Illinois, including the ones in Edwardsville and at St. Louis Regional Airport in Bethalto.
 "Our friends at Allstate are taking care of the whole cost," Urbanek said. "They have been very good and very cooperative in this program. They see it as a way to make the roads safer, improving conditions on the roads and leading to the potential for lower insurance rates."
 The program won't cost the state anything, Urbanek said. He said Allstate would pick up all costs for distributing the materials to high schools and drivers' education classes throughout Illinois.
 Illinois becomes the 13th state in the nation to initiate a three-step licensing system for the youngest motorists. The state currently uses a two-step system, comprised of a learner's permit and a full driver's license.

The new system will retain the learner's permit and add the full license but will add a "graduated" step for drivers aged 16 to 20, which includes tougher penalties for violating traffic laws and new practice requirements for learning drivers.
 The most frequent question state officials have been asked about the new law is whether it raises the age limit to obtain a driver's license in Illinois, Urbanek said.
 "The major concern that 15-, 16- and 17-year-olds have is misapprehension that the driver's age is going up to 18 years," he said. "That's absolutely not true."
 "Young people will still be able to get their drivers' licenses at age 16," Ryan said.
 The tougher penalties are intended to drive home to young motorists that a car is a tremendous responsibility and that mistakes behind the wheel could affect the lives of their friends and the lives of others on the road.
 Under current law, drivers under age 18 cannot be licensed unless they have a parent's permission and have completed an approved driver's education course offering 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel practice.
 Under the provisions of the new "Graduate to Safety" law:
 Drivers under 21 who are convicted of two moving violations within a two-year period would receive a 30-day license suspension. Drivers under 18 who are suspended would have to complete a remedial driving course and be retested to get their driving privileges back.
 Drivers under age 21 who commit serious driving offenses are limited to one sentence of court supervision by a judge.
 When the driver is under 18, all passengers in the car under age 18 must wear safety belts. For those drivers, the number of passengers in the vehicle also is limited to one in the front seat and to the number

of safety belts in the back seat.
 Before a 16-year-old can be awarded a driver's license, their parent or guardian must certify that the young driver has completed at least 25 hours of supervised behind-the-wheel instruction outside of their driver's ed class. Young drivers must hold a learner's permit for at least three months before attempting to receive their first license.
 "If you turn 16 in 1998, when you go to get your license, you will have to have completed

the 25 hours of out-of-class practice, and your parent or guardian will have to sign to certify that," Urbanek said.
 "High school drivers' education instructors already have been including the 25-hour requirement for students having drivers' education this fall," he said. "If they get their permit in August or September, and they're planning to get their license in January or February, they already know they have to get 25 hours of out-of-class practice."

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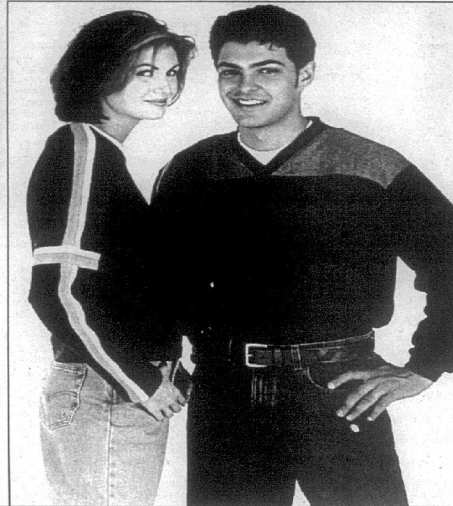
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MADISON COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE ALLIANCE will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Milton Room at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City. For Directions and information call, 462-4883, extension 104.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCHLE CLUB for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month, 5 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB, meets the first Sunday of the month at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. There will be bingo (first Sunday of the month), Doors open 12:30 p.m. and refreshments served at 1 p.m.; games start at 2 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details. Every other month on the fourth Monday there is bingo or a dance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. light refreshments served, and dance or bingo starts at 7 p.m.

SOCIAL CLUB, business meeting, 8 p.m., fourth Monday of every other, Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Dessert is served following the meeting. Games and bingo are played at 7 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS, meeting, third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

Support Groups

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, for patients, their families and caregivers, 6:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month in Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3079 for more information.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in 4-Doctors Seminar, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3079. For more information.

AL-ANON, 8:30 a.m. every Monday, 2116 Edison (side door), Granite City, Call 463-2429 for more information.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Pontoon Road, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., first and third Thursday of each month. For information on where meeting will be, call Elaine Seary at 462-2714 or Lyle Cubberty at 876-2362.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP meets from 7 to 9 p.m., second Thursday of each month, in Pascal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Call 797-2760 or 451-0728 for more information.

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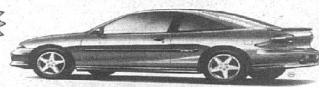
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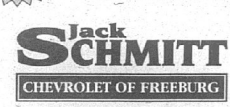
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'Home 3' different, sadistically so

AT THE MOVIES

The trouble with sequels is that they lack surprise. You know that Sigourney Weaver is going to get slimed and that Pierce Brosnan will bluff his way out of a nasty fix.

John Hughes, creator of the "Home Alone" franchise and writer and co-producer of "Home Alone 3," figures he didn't need any surprises: Just take the blueprint for the first of the series and slip it in the copying machine.

Still, there are some changes. Instead of the terminally incompetent burglars Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, the invaders are a quartet of international criminals. And with Macaulay Culkin, deep in puberty, there's a new kid on the block.

Hughes begins his tale with a straight-faced prologue in which the four conspirators acquire a Defense Department computer chip sought by an enemy power. They hide the chip in a child's toy, and the package is mistakenly taken by a cranky woman in the San Francisco airport.

The crooks trace the woman to a quiet Chicago suburb, much like the one where Macaulay once lived. Now his role is played by a talented young actor, Alex D. Linz, who is even more skilled at high-tech stunts than his predecessor. Trouble is, his opponents come with their own arsenal of detection devices.

Eight-year-old Alex, his parents (Haviland Morris and Kevin Kilner) and their unpleasant older children (Seth Smith and Scarlett Johansson) live across the street from the cranky woman. When the rest of the family are gone, the crooks zero in on Alex as keeper of the computer chip. The battle begins.

The punishment of Pesci and Stern was a mere slap on the wrist compared to what Alex wreaks on the unfortunate foursome. Gaffer gag is



Olek Krupa and Alex D. Linz in a scene from "Home Alone 3."

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staged by Hughes and his director, Raja Gosnell, each one more violently harmful than the one before. While E. Coyote could not withstand such punishment.

Of course, the assault on the bad guys is the basic appeal of the "Home Alone" movies, and No. 3 reaches a crescendo of near-sadistic stunts.

The largely unknown cast performs creditably, especially young Linz, last seen in "One

Fine Day." The criminals — Olek Krupa, Rya Kihlstedt, David Thornton and Lenny Von Dohlen — bring a suave competence to their dirty work, hence their downfall.

The Twentieth Century Fox production was produced by Hughes and Hilton Green. The rating: PG, violence, child jeopardy. Running time: 102 minutes.

— Associated Press

HOROSCOPE

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

The Scorpio moon casts a sexy glow over the holiday. The day has a wonderful rhythm that favors several events packed into the schedule. Look your best as you make the rounds. An aspect involving the sun in Capricorn emphasizes your ambitions and shows you how to balance them with healthy attention to those you are close to.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 25). Kick up your heels! It's a year of celebrating the person you are. Start by designating more time for creative ventures. Next month, singles will get aggressive and make love connections by flirting outrageously. Contribution is the theme for March and April. Volunteering is beneficial. May and June are big money months! Love connections are with Pisces or Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone seems to be on your side. Encourage a friend, and you are in turn supported with all you deem necessary to go to the next level. People who ask you to deliver the impossible will be satisfied with whatever you can do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No matter how slick some people are, you are too smart to be taken advantage of. Personal matters need attention this afternoon. You may be unwittingly alienating someone you love. Be ultra-sensitive to your influence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Capitalize on your popularity. Insist on being given more

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CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you deal with feelings of

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ENTERTAINMENT

Songs, movies can highlight season

By Kevin Carbery
Correspondent

TRIVIA

The secret is to pace yourself. I'm talking about the Christmas season, of course. If you went running around willy-nilly putting up your outside lights and listening to Perry Como holiday albums before Thanksgiving, well, by now you undoubtedly are burned out on Christmas.

If, however, you have gone about it sensibly, you should be reaching the peak of your holiday spirit right about now.

Oh, it's difficult to maintain your composure during this stressful time, I'll grant you. I mean, if you went into a retail store at any point during the last three months, you were bombarded with seasonal decorations, sales and music.

The ones I feel sorriest for are the people who work in toy stores. They not only have the same obligations of the season as the rest of us, but they are subject to the constant clamor of battery-operated reindeer and Santas playing a wild mixture of alleged carols. I would go insane after about two hours of hearing that.

The television networks also see fit to get a jump start on the holiday season. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was shown on Dec. 1 and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" was aired Dec. 3. That is too early.

At least, thankfully, "It's a Wonderful Life" is no longer in the public domain. It is a terrific movie, absolutely. However, a few years back, it was shown almost continuously on the

various channels during the month of December. It got to the point that I was so sick of the film I never wanted to see it again, though, I have relaxed on that position as time has passed.

Hopefully, you have maintained your good spirits through the month. This week's trivia is on the holiday season and I would like to wish everyone a merry, merry Christmas.

1. What is the first name of Scrooge's nephew in "A Christmas Carol?"
2. Who does the voice of Frosty in the cartoon "Frosty the Snowman?"
3. St. Nicholas was born in an area of what present-day country?
4. Which cartoonist is credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus?
5. David Letterman has maintained a tradition of having Darlene Love on his shows each December to sing which rollicking Christmas song?
6. Bing Crosby introduced the song "White Christmas" in what film?
7. Who plays Scrooge in the 1938 movie version of "A Christmas Carol?"
8. In the movie "A Christmas Story" what does Ralphie really, really want for Christmas?
9. Who is the female lead in the 1945 film "A Christmas in Connecticut?"
10. The story of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was written as a promotion on (See TRIVIA, Page 10B)

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Mr. and Mrs. Claus

Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE

Sisters Heather and Brittany Trapani of Collinsville, 6 and 9 respectively, sit with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the Breakfast with Santa held at Granite City Township Hall. Robert and Joyce Albrecht of Wood River sat in as the Clauses.

Horoscope

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unworthiness, you break down social barriers. When you mentally trade places with a sweet Sagittarius, you find the key to giving.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Bury the hatchet. It's time to join together for a common goal and move forward with personal growth in the process. A significant domestic adjustment requires patience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you ask those hard questions, you surprise yourself with brilliant answers. Frustration forces you to do things differently the next time. Diverse groups of people can relate to you.

Trivia

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behalf of what department store chain?

Answers: 1. Fred. 2. Jackie Vernon. 3. Turkey. 4. Thomas Nast. 5. "Christmas (Baby

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Break out of the traditional rules, which do not serve your creative connection with friends and relatives. New concerns should be dealt with one step at a time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Others respond best when you're expressive. A chance encounter reshapes what once was. Sports prove rewarding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know how to stay in the good graces of difficult people and will benefit from doing so a little longer. Leos are attracted to your intelligence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tentative plans work out

brilliantly. Encourage a new date to join in the festivities. Vague rumors carry some truth. Show that you're willing to change if that is what is necessary to keep up a great relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A practical approach solves problems early in the day. Life doesn't have to be such hard work! Resolve to be relaxed and graceful. You can re-establish a relationship that once brought joy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A commitment to your health is quickly rewarded. Eliminate ambiguity in a relationship. Your attention revolves around sales, purchases or trading.

Please Come Home." 6. "Holiday Inn." 7. Reginald Owen. This is my favorite Christmas film. 8. A BB gun. Specifically, a Daisy Brand Red Ryder model. 9. Barbara Stanwyck.

10. Montgomery Ward. Kevin Carbery can be heard as a regular on "The Trivia Coast-to-Coast Show" from 8 to 11 p.m. Sundays on radio station KNOX-AM (1120).

Calendar

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ALATEEN AND PRELATEEN PRO-GRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and prelateen for seven to 11 year age group, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth Hospital, 2100 Madison Ave., Kettler Center, Dayroom C. For more information call 463-2420.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot line 388-9409.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS, second Friday of each month (September through May), 7:30 p.m., St. Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville.

HEREDITARY ATAXIA (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) SUPPORT GROUP meets every second and fourth Friday of each month, Call Curt Williams, 677-5172, for information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon and 8 p.m., every Friday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-9600.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., fourth Monday of each month, Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RELAPSE PREVENTION group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive, in Edwardsville. The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety. For more information, call 798-3888.

NEGLECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Call 692-2187 for details.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP, 1 to 3 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, President's Room, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3456.

ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF MADISON COUNTY, (AMI) meets the first Tuesday of each month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mental Health Clinic, 50 Industrial Drive, Granite City. For information call 798-3804.

CUPFUL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL meets at Market Ave. Church of God, 1505 Market Ave., East St. Louis, every fourth Saturday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Pamela Perry at (314) 868-8031.

BETTER BREATHERS, support group of those with chronic lung condition, second Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m., Pascal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3118.

MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 7 to 8 p.m., Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, second Tuesday of each month, 798-3510.

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP, sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, Memorial Hospital, Mortuary, Belleville, 233-7750, ext. 5860.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149 or (314) 391-2230.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Nameoki United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. For meeting time and place, call the church at 877-1936.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED/SEPARATED CATHOLICS (SIDISC) will hold their Christmas dinner party, Dec. 14, at the Home of Marilyn Aene in Glen Carbon. Newcomers welcome. For more information call 288-3465.

SINGLES CONNECTION upcoming events are: Friday, Dec. 26, come to Rusty's on Main Street in Edwardsville and listen to the band. Be there at 8:30 p.m. RSVP to Kevin A., 866-3364; Saturday, Dec. 27, is movie night at the new O'Fallon 15 Cinema. Meet there at 3 p.m. For directions and to RSVP, call Bev, House and Hanukkah Party at 344-4691; Sunday, Dec. 28, Open House and Hanukkah Party at Felix's home. Starts around 3 p.m. at 408 W. Union, Apt. 4 in Edwardsville. Casual dress is fine. Candles will be lit around 6 p.m. RSVP's should have been in to Felix by Dec. 23, 656-2053; Wallday at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30 at the Edwardsville YMCA. Cost is \$3 for three hours of play. Call Frank at 876-4315 for more information; a group will be going to the Royal Damp Dinner Theater in St. Louis sometime in February. Cost will be about \$20. RSVP to Sandy, 344-1393 if you're interested.

THE CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the King's House on North 6th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0281.

MADISON COUNTY PARENTS WITH-OUT PARTNERS meets the fourth Monday of each month in the Fel-

lowship Hall at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road in Granite City. For more information, call Jean at 268-2335. Kate at 885-5330, Rita at 346-1965. Trudy at 408-2598 or Richard at 467-1302.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP, which meets at Family Life Consultants 2014 Vandavia Ave. in Collinsville will not meet in December. Meetings resume in January. Call 345-9536 for more information.

SECOND CHAPTER, an education and support program dedicated to divorce recovery and life rebuilding begins a new 14-week session Jan. 17. Let Second Chapter help you work through holiday blues caused by divorce. For more information or local meetings and times, call (314) 781-9818 or 24-hour hotline at (314) 768-2000.

THE FAMILY RESOURCE ALLIANCE of Madison County has started a phone information, consultation and referral service. With one call any area family can evaluate more than 100 local agencies and resources to determine what's best for their family on a variety of issues supporting the stress of being a parent. Call (800) 872-0528 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for more information.

Veterans Services

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 53 will offer a service officer from 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St. in Granite City. Call 876-7616 for more information.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 53 meets the fourth Monday of every month at 3400 Century Drive.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at the VFW Post Home, 5326 N. Illinois St., Fairview Heights. Anyone who served in Korea from 1945 to the present, or anywhere during the Korean War Era, (June 1950 to Jan. 1955) is eligible to join.

OKAW CHAPTER AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR INC. meeting held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 14, at the VFW Post 3523 in Carlyle, cost, \$5.

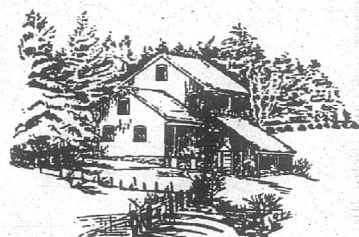
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MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

Home For The Holidays

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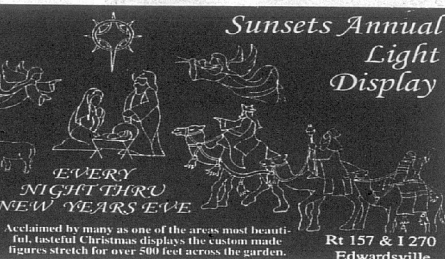
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Today's Food

Thursday, December 25, 1997

Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

When Santa gets back from his long trip, Mrs. Claus will grab a few cans from the pantry and add some vegetables from the freezer to make a pot of soup that will warm him from his twinking nose to his tired toes.

INSIDE

Heart-y Bites

Favorite fruits and nuts -- as part of main dishes -- give healthy benefits that taste good, too.

INSIDE

Blue Ribbon Cook

Beans and pasta make a winning combination when matched with spicy seasonings.

INSIDE

Private Label Test Run

Does the cookie platter look thin? There may be an easy way to fatten it with a quick trip to a local supermarket.

INSIDE

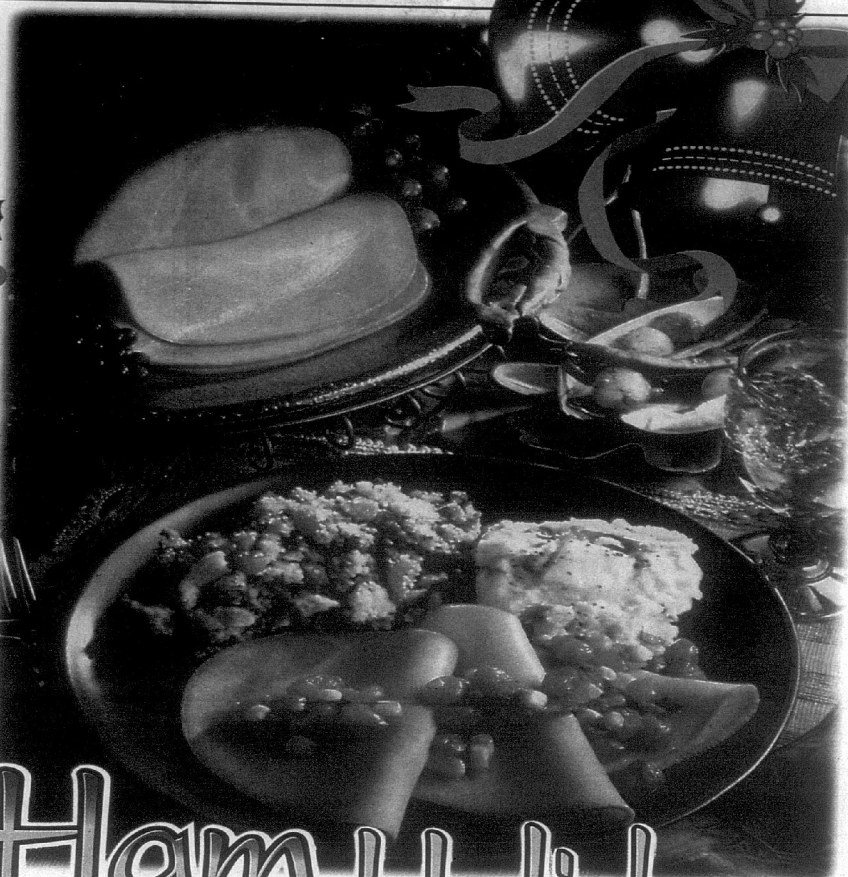
Micro Raves

Many little cooking steps can be given to a microwave oven to put together dessert faster than a shooting star.

INSIDE

Lively Taste

Curry powder warms the sweetness of fruit. Drain and combine 1 can (29 ounces) peach halves, 1 can (29 ounces) pear halves, 1 can (20 ounces) pineapple slices and 1/4 cup maraschino cherries in 12-by-8-inch baking dish. Spoon a combination of 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted, and 1-1/2 tablespoons curry powder over the fruit. Bake, covered, in preheated 350 degree oven about 35 minutes until thoroughly heated. Makes 8 to 10 servings.



Ham & Holidays Works

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

The refrigerator shuffle goes on. One meal, two meals, three meals leave behind a cup of beans, a bowl of potatoes, a dish of gravy to dance on another occasion.

Ham, a favorite for meals and parties, is invited to the table intentionally for leftovers. It mates memorably in casseroles, turns into potato soup and seasons vegetables in meals for a week.

Trimings can be as extensive as desired. A fully-cooked boneless ham comes right out of the refrigerator to be served cold or needs only to be heated to

serving temperature. A spiral-cut model makes every thick slice a masterpiece.

Plan on four to five servings per pound of boneless, two to three servings per pound of a bone-in ham.

Ham studded with whole cloves is beautiful. They can be inserted before baking if the ham has no rind. If it does, it can be left on until the last 30 minutes to 1 hour of warming, then removed to add the cloves.

Roast in a 325 degree oven until a meat thermometer inserted in the flesh reads 140 degrees. Length of

SEE HAM INSIDE TODAY'S FOOD PAGE 2

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

It's comforting to know plain old foods people like, such as cooked tomato sauce, treat the body to lifesaving benefits.

INSIDE

Fresh Picks

Lemon sorbet is an easy, elegant dessert. In a saucepan, heat and stir 2 cups water and 1/2 cup sugar until sugar is dissolved. Add grated peel of 1/2 lemon and juice of 2 lemons (1/3 cup). Pour into shallow dish or bowl. Freeze, stirring occasionally, about 2 hours until almost firm. Break up with spoon. Using food processor or electric mixer, mix in two batches until smooth but still icy. Refreeze. Remove from freezer a few minutes before serving. Serve in individual bowls, clear stemware, or large lemon half-shells, scraped clean with thin slice cut from bottom to prevent tipping (these can be made ahead and frozen until ready to use.)

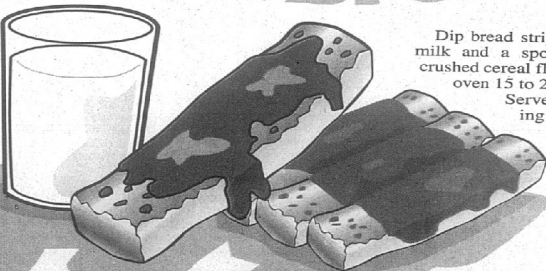
Big Fat Tip

Flavored tomatoes and tomato sauce provide seasoning, plus tomatoes, in one easy-to-use can. Use varieties without extra oil for minimal fat. For instance, Mexican-inspired stewed tomatoes, plus corn and a little chili powder and cumin add up to soup that dances around a sombrero. Switch to Italian tomatoes or sauce, count on small chunks of zucchini for vegetable and basil for seasoning and plan to stroll along the Mediterranean. Cook broken uncooked spaghetti or other noodles in the broth the last 10 to 15 minutes of cooking time, until the pasta is just tender. Ladle into bowls and garnish with cilantro or basil.

Future Shop

People need to eat, so they cook at home. But is that the only reason? A trends study prepared for the 1997 Beef News Seminar found it to be a leisure activity that also provides the space for people to hang out with friends for supper. With scant room for cooking as a leisure pursuit, they find it has become an outlet to get away from the boredom and routine of a workday, benefits them socially and is increasingly becoming a family affair that includes children.

French Bread Sticks



Dip bread strips into a mixture of 2 eggs, 3/4 cup milk and a spoonful of peanut butter. Coat with crushed cereal flakes. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven 15 to 20 minutes until crispy on the outside.

Serve any time of day with warm pie filling or fruit preserves or dip into flavored yogurt. Serve, particularly to children and teenagers, with milk.

Kids' Cuisine

Mitch Linhardt graphic

Today's Food

Private Label Test Run

Cookie tin may need refill if homemade sweets run scarce

By the time everyone was there, the cookie jar was becoming bare.

That's the plight of homemade treats in some homes by this stage of the holidays. In sight of this plight, tasters gave President's Choice raspberry and lemon "temptations" from Schnuck Markets a whirl to see if they could stretch homemade delights with these flavored sandwich cookies.

Testers generally rated them average to above-average.

"It is a light cookie which would make a great addition if you have other cookies like molasses or fruitcake-type desserts," a taster said.

Several testers put the raspberry cookie high on their hit parade lists.

"The raspberry temptations truly are tempting,"

a taster said. "I keep walking by and sampling again. I like both the texture and flavor of the cookie. The raspberry is nice and tart-but-sweet. The little sugar granules add to both its look and flavor. I could eat the whole box in a day if left at home with the box."

The price, usually \$2 to \$2.50 for a 12-ounce package, was not judged excessive for a butter cookie.

A happy taster said, "Forget baking or buying cookies at the bakery. Just put out a tray of the raspberry ones, as far as I'm concerned. They are a good price, too. They are so fresh and light, not dry, hard or soggy."

Although the raspberry flavor was basically the favorite over the lemon, one singled out the lemon's status.

"I loved the soft texture of the lemon cookie that



Tasters checked whether they would be tempted by President's Choice raspberry and lemon "temptations" from Schnuck Markets on a cookie tray.

somehow had parts that were crisp. The lemon flavor is not overpowering as in other private label brands I've tried," she said.

Another thought the flavor needed more tart-sweet contrast.

Several testers noted a drawback of the cookies overall.

"These are not to be confused with a sandwich cookie you can pull apart and eat the insides," one

said. "They say 'creme-filled,' but the filling is gummy, so it is meant to hold the cookie ends together."

Another said it was one trait that would set them apart from homemade.

"I don't particularly like the gummy stuff at the center. It looks pretty, but tastes kind of sticky. They are prettier than a lot of bought cookies though," she said.

Ham

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heating time depends on size of the ham, as well as whether there is a bone. A four- to 6-pound boneless ham will be hot after 1 to 1-1/2 hours.

Glaze is optional, particularly when the table is loaded with multiple flavors. For an easy one, use 1/2 cup honey mixed with one (6-ounce) can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed, during the last 15 minutes of reheating.

Color the plate with relish served at room temperature.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, cook and stir 1 green and 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped; 1 can (16 ounces) kernel corn, drained; and 1/2 red onion, finely chopped, in 1 tablespoon hot oil 3 to 4 minutes until vegetables are tender. Add 12 ounces fresh cranberries. Cook and stir 5 minutes longer. Add 1/2 cup white wine vinegar, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes and 1 tablespoon grated ginger root. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Cool, cover and refrigerate.

Freezing changes the texture and flavor of ham, so it is best to use it in flavorful new ways.

Cube it or roll up slices

and spear with pineapple or melon kabobs, grapes or bell pepper squares on toothpicks for kabobs. Stir it into corn chowder, bean or broccoli soup or use in jambalaya. Add it to a frozen pizza. Serve individual chef's salads.

A smart cook can save money the easy way by making ham salad after the first serving. Grind ham in a grinder or drop a few pieces at a time into a blender or food processor, being careful to process only until the meat is shredded, not pureed.

Mix the ground ham with sweet pickle relish and mayonnaise to a favorable consistency. Use it chilled as sandwich filling or guests can spread it on crackers at a New Year's Eve buffet.

Marcia Adams, in her latest book, "New Recipes from Quilt Country" (Potter, \$30), shares two ground ham recipes.

She explains the Amish save ham for special occasions, but ingenious cooks use ground ham other ways, such as baked in ham balls with a sweet 'n' spicy sauce or with ground beef or turkey in a loaf. Either would make wonderful party or family fare.

Wise Ways

By MARY SCHROEPPER

Stock freezer, line shelf to heat pot of warm soup

Soup makes a quick and easy warm-up during the hectic holiday season. To keep soup simple, base it on just a few ingredients and make wise use of soup shortcuts. Stock the freezer with frozen vegetables, and line pantry shelves with canned low-sodium beef, chicken broth and spicy tomato products.

One-pot soups make cleanup easy:

- Dilute canned soups with fresh ingredients to reduce fat and sodium. Combine canned low-fat potato soup with a can of low-sodium corn for a quick and creamy chowder.

- Penny-pinching cooks can save liquid from canned vegetables. Simply drain and pour it into quart-size freezer boxes. When the container is full, unthaw and use as a quick soup base. Remember canned vegetables offer a choice of liquid with no salt or an abundance of it.

- For fast vegetable soup, cook a bag of mixed frozen vegetables in 2 cans spicy tomato juice drink or a few cans

SWISS VEGGIE SOUP

2-1/2 cups loose-pack frozen broccoli, cauliflower and carrots
1/2 cup frozen or fresh, chopped onion
1/2 cup water
1/2 tsp. low-sodium instant chicken bouillon granules
1 cup skim milk
4 slices process low-fat Swiss cheese (about 3 oz.), torn in bite-size pieces
1-1/2 cups chopped, cooked chicken or turkey

In medium saucepan, bring frozen vegetables, onion, water and bouillon to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 10 minutes until vegetables are tender. Do not drain.

In blender or food processor, process all vegetables, broth and milk until smooth. Return mixture to saucepan. Stir in cheese. Heat until cheese melts. Stir in chicken. Heat until warm.

Makes 4 servings; 196 calories, 5 g fat (25 percent calories from fat), 414 mg sodium and 3 g fiber each.

of beef broth. To thicken broth, add 1 raw potato, diced, or 1/2 cup uncooked rice; to thin it, add water.

• For new-style pasta soup, heat a can of low-sodium chicken broth in a saucepan. Add 1 cup frozen tortellini, wontons or fine egg noodles. Add 1/2 cup frozen peas and 1/2 cup carrot slivers for crunch. Boil 5 minutes. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon fresh parsley on each of the two servings.

Soup is an important source of fluids for good hydration during winter weather. Healthy soups are low in sodium and fat and contain plenty of vegetables.

This Swiss soup uses frozen products to cut preparation time. Use the vegetables suggested or switch to a package of fresh bite-size vegetables. Do not substitute regular Swiss cheese;

process cheese ensures even, smooth melting.
Home economist Mary Schroepfer is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in Franklin County.

Heart-y Bites

By BECKY BLAIR

Overindulge in foods that make healthy sense

Food indulgences are common at holiday time. It's too bad the excesses are not fruits and vegetables.

This lemon-apricot chicken recipe helps meet the daily goal of five or more fruits and vegetables. It satisfies a sweet tooth, while supplying a generous sprinkling of healthy nutrients.

Dried apricots — rich in vitamins A, iron, potassium and fiber — add distinctive flavor to a wide variety of foods. They make a chewy, moist snack devoid of fat, cholesterol and sodium.

Toasted almonds enhance the texture and taste of this dish. High-fat nuts usually get a warning sign from health enthusiasts. However, a small amount of nuts can be included in a healthy diet.

Nuts provide essential fatty acids critical to proper body functions. The fat content of almonds is about 67 percent monounsaturated, 22 percent polyunsaturated and 11 percent saturated with no cholesterol. Studies suggest monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fat actually may aid in lowering bad LDL cholesterol, thereby decreasing the risk of heart disease, while maintaining the protective effect of the good HDL cholesterol.

Nuts are an excellent source of vitamin E, a fat-soluble antioxidant which may play a crucial role in preventing heart disease, certain kinds of cancer and cataract for-

LEMON APRICOT CHICKEN

6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 3 oz. each)
1-1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. rosemary
18 thin slices lemon with rind, seeds removed (about 2 medium lemons)
1/2 cup dried apricot halves
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/2 cup reduced-sugar sweet orange marmalade
1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted
Chopped fresh parsley or fresh rosemary sprigs

In large nonstick skillet coated with nonstick cooking spray, brown chicken. Sprinkle with garlic powder and rosemary. Arrange apricots and lemon over chicken. Add wine. Simmer, covered, 20 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

Remove chicken. Keep warm.

Stir marmalade into pan juices. Cook until mixture is reduced to half. Stir in almonds. Spoon over chicken. Garnish with parsley or rosemary.

Yields 6 servings; 317 calories, 31 g protein, 12 fat, 18 g carbohydrate, 83 mg cholesterol and 2 g fiber each

Favorites" at the Shrewsbury Laclede Gas Service Center, 4118 Shrewsbury Ave. Foods demonstrated will be sampled. A fee of \$5 will be donated to the American Heart Association. Reservations, made by calling 45-HEART, should be made by Jan. 21.

Registered dietitian Becky Blair is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

2 cups whole wheat bread crumbs
1 cup milk
2 eggs, slightly beaten
2 lb. ground ham
1 lb. lean ground beef
1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
1 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. coarsely ground pepper
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
Scant 1/2 tsp. cloves
1/4 tsp. nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In small bowl, soak bread crumbs in milk. Add eggs. Mix well.

In large bowl, thoroughly combine ham, beef, parsley, mustard, salt, pepper and milk mixture.

In small bowl, combine brown sugar, cloves and nutmeg. Sprinkle evenly in bottom of 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Firmly pat meat mixture over sugar, leaving no air holes.

Bake in preheated oven 1-1/2 hours. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing.

Makes 10 to 12 servings. Cold leftovers can be used on sandwiches.

CANDIED HAM LOAF

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Remove from foil. Slice to serve.

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Today's Food

Addition of healthful foods makes wise sense

Antioxidants are known to combat "free radicals," the pesky little by-products responsible for damaging the body by accelerating aging and other processes. Antioxidants help neutralize them, and therefore help prevent damage.

Some foods produce these body savers. Studies have been shown the benefit of cooked tomatoes, which contain a substance called lycopene, an antioxidant. The tomatoes were heated and mixed with a bit of oil, such as in the making of tomato sauce.

Because antioxidants are known to help maintain a healthy heart, the question arose about potential benefits in preventing or allay-

ing heart disease.

This study, done in Europe, analyzed fat samples from men who had had heart attacks. After analyzing fat samples for a variety of antioxidants, researchers found lycopene the most protective, compared to lutein and carotenoids. They also discovered it was more prominent in men who had not had a heart attack.

Lycopene occurs in smaller amounts in other red foods, such as pink grapefruit, guava and watermelon. However, red foods that are cooked have more of it. No one knows exactly how lycopene might help maintain a healthy heart.

Results may show a combination of substances that produce results together.

Caution is warranted before making drastic changes in eating, but it probably does not hurt to sensibly increase foods, like cooked tomato-based ones, that seem to give extra benefits.

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Micro Raves

KATHY HANEWINKEL

Little microwave helpers add up

Yikes! It's 5 p.m., there is a holiday party to attend and I promised to bring a dessert. What can I do? What CAN I do?

This is the time to hug a microwave oven. It will help take care of the matter. From the mundane to the magnificent, here are ways to tackle the agenda:

- Warm 1/4 cup liqueur or brandy in a glass measure 15 seconds on high power to flame.
- To thaw an 8-ounce carton of frozen whipped topping, microwave at medium-low (3 percent) power 1 minute.
- To soften cream cheese or margarine, microwave without wrapper on high power 10 seconds.
- To defrost frozen fruit, microwave it in a bowl on high power 1 to 2 minutes, stir with fork and stop while fruit is still icy.
- To soften prepared frosting for easier spreading, remove top and heat on high 15 seconds.
- Soften 1/2 gallon ice cream, sherbet or frozen yogurt on lowest (10 per-

cent) power up to 3 minutes or 40 to 50 seconds on high power. One pint takes 10 to 15 seconds on high; 1 quart needs 20 to 30 seconds on high.

- Prepare gelatin: In a 2- to 4-cup measure, microwave 1 cup water on high power about 3 minutes until it boils. Stir in one (4-serving) package gelatin until dissolved. Immediately add enough ice to measure 2 cups. Refrigerate until firm.

- To soften overset gelatin, microwave on medium (50 percent) power 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in additions. Refrigerate again until solid.

- To make pudding from mix? Combine mix and milk in large bowl. Microwave on high power 6 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes. If not thickened, add 1 minute more. Stir, then refrigerate.

- Egg whites at room temperature yield more volume when whipped into food like a meringue. Place 1 to 4 egg whites in a large bowl. Microwave at mini-

mum (10 percent) power 15 seconds per egg white until chill is gone.

- To melt chocolate without scorching, use medium (50 percent) power. Six ounces chocolate chips at medium (50 percent) power takes 1 to 2 minutes to melt. They will not change shape, but will look soft and shiny, so stir them. If the consistency is not soft, add 30-second intervals. Melting a square of chocolate at medium power takes 1 1/2 to 2 minutes.

- For ease in shelling nuts, place 1 cup nuts and 3 tablespoons water in a bowl covered with plastic wrap. Microwave on high power 2 minutes. Drain. Cool before shelling.

- To toast or roast nuts, microwave 1 cup raw nuts in a pie plate on high power 5 to 7 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes.

Home economist Kathy Hanewinkel specializes in microwave cooking.

CHERRY CRUNCH CAKE

1 pkg. (9 oz. or 1 layer) yellow cake mix
1/2 cup chopped nuts
2 tbs. brown sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling
1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, melted

In bowl, combine dry cake mix, chopped nuts, brown sugar and cinnamon.

Spoon pie filling into bottom of 8-inch square glass baking dish. Evenly sprinkle cake mix mixture over top of fruit. Drizzle melted margarine on top.

Microwave on high power 12 to 14 minutes until cake is not doughy, turning once during cooking.

Let stand 5 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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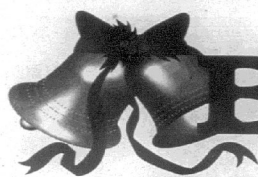
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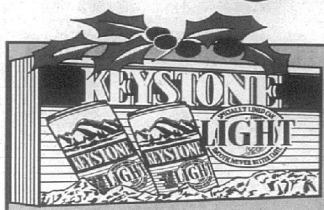
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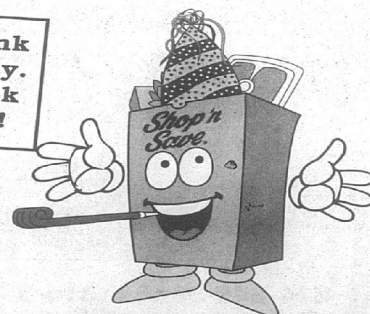


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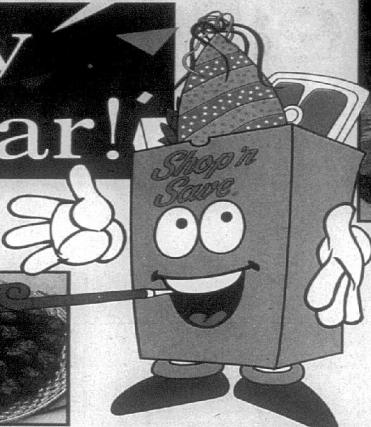
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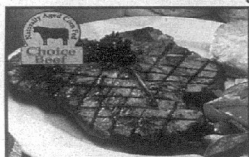
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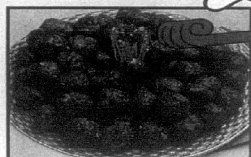
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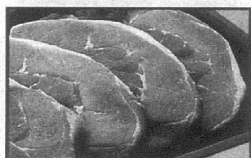
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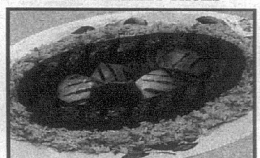
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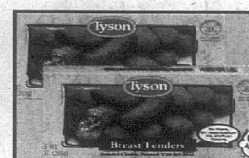
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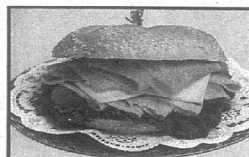
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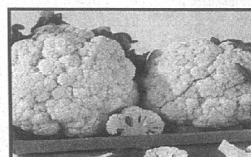
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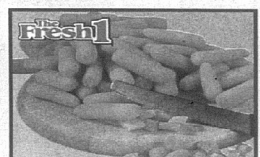
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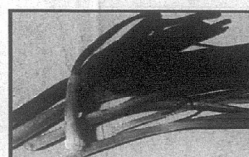
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Saab 900 S

Saab's anniversary 900 Turbo Is quick, versatile

By Tom Strongman

Turbocharging at Saab began 20 years ago, and without it thousands of Saab drivers would have missed out on that satisfying surge of power that comes when you put your foot down hard on the throttle of a turbo motor.

To mark that anniversary, the Swedish automaker is offering its 1998 Saab 900 S Turbo Coupe at a special price of \$24,500. This "limited commemorative edition" is Saab's lowest-priced car, yet it has a long list of standard equipment, such as alloy wheels, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, rear spoiler, air conditioning, power windows, power locks and a security alarm.

In the 1980s "turbo" and Saab were nearly synonymous, as this small company carved a niche for itself based on performance as well as uniqueness.

Pounding across the plains one Saturday afternoon, this bright red coupe barreled along with an urgency that made it feel like it had ginseng running through its veins. The ease with which it knocked down the miles, and the way it jumped out into the passing lane, brought back memories of how fast the original Saab 900 felt on the open road.

More than just about any other manufacturer, Saab has popularized the benefits of turbocharging, wherein exhaust gases drive a compressor that pushes air back into the engine under pressure, force-feeding it so it produces far more horsepower than would be possible without this technique. This 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine

pumps out 165 horsepower. Turbocharging turns a David-sized engine into one with a Goliath-size attitude, and about the only drawback is it takes a couple of milliseconds for the compressor to build power after you put your foot down.

This lag was amplified by the test car's automatic transmission.

Getting away from a stop sign quickly required a bit of throttle because it takes a few feet for the turbo to do its job. With a manual transmission it would accelerate quicker.

On the highway, where the engine already was spinning, the extra power was almost instantaneous. Nudge the throttle and slower cars were dispatched in a blur.

Inside, our bright red car had taupe-colored velour upholstery, one of two choices. The fabric grips your clothes like Velcro, and at times it was even hard to slide out of the seat. On cold mornings the cloth was warmer than leather would be, and seat heaters made it even better.

The 900's interior perpetuates Saab's reputation for unique solutions to ordinary problems. To reduce the glare on your eyes during night driving, all dashboard lights but the speedometer can be darkened with one button. Vent outlets are split horizontally to give more options for directing air in the cabin.

There are a couple of irritating things about the interior. The floor-mounted ignition key used to seem endearing, but I now find it to be unhandy. Ditto the power window buttons, which are located so far back between the seats that they are hard to reach without taking your eyes from the road. The cup holder, in the lid of the small console storage bin, is also an awkward place.

True to the original car's roots, the 900 S Turbo Coupe is about as versatile a hatchback

as there is. The rear seat folds down to reveal a cargo hold nearly as big as some station wagons, making it useful for folks with active lifestyles.

Dropping the seat was complicated somewhat by a large, cross-car beam attached to the back of the rear seat. This beam is used to anchor the headrests and provides crash protection, but it has to be folded out of the way to get the seat down. The headrests have to be removed and the bottom seat cushions have to be pulled up, but once done, the space opened up was generous.



What Saab has done with this anniversary 900 S Turbo Coupe is commendable because it blends the power and handling of a sports car with the versatility of a small station wagon at a reasonable price. Saabs are adored by those who know them, and often misunderstood by others, but Saab lovers wouldn't have it any other way.

The base price of our test car was \$24,500. The two options were a glass sunroof and automatic transmission, which brought the sticker price to \$27,090.

The basic warranty is for four years or 50,000 miles.

Point: Turbocharging small engines gives them the heart of a lion, which heightens the appeal of the 900 S Turbo Coupe. It has sports-sean maneuverability and station wagon versatility with an attractive price.

Counterpoint: Putting the ignition key on the floor between the seats is a long-held Saab tradition, but putting the power window switches there makes them hard to reach, especially while driving.

POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

Drivers, there is good news and bad news to report about energy consumption and emissions. First, the good news. Despite some troubles, some facts, experts predict that petroleum prices aren't necessarily going to skyrocket and actually may fall. Americans are driving more than ever in vehicles that are not always as fuel-efficient as possible. People in developing countries are becoming motorized at unprecedented rates.

Even with the greatly increased oil consumption, new technology is expected to make it easier and less expensive to recover oil from deep in the ground.

Now the bad news. Despite protests from energy producers, industrial polluters and motorists, there will be increasing pressure to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.

Man-made gases, from sources such as energy combustion, accumulate in the atmosphere and trap solar heat that used to reflect from the earth's surface and radiate into outer space. The carbon dioxide content of the atmosphere has increased 30 percent in the past two centuries.

With more heat staying within the atmosphere, weather patterns can change and global ocean levels can rise with the melting of polar ice.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a United Nations body consisting of 960 scientists from 40 countries, says earth's temperature has increased one-half of a degree to 1 degree Fahrenheit during this century. At the rate energy consumption is growing, earth could become 2 to 6 degrees warmer by the year 2100. That could cause more droughts and floods and raise sea levels 6 to 36 inches.

Aftermarket replacement parts can be as good as those made by a vehicle's original manufacturer, reports the ubiquitous J.D. Powers and Associates marketing research firm.

The quality of replacement mechanical parts, such as spark plugs, brakes and engine belts, is just as good as those sold by the company that produced the car or truck, Powers found in a survey of 2,600 auto dealership parts managers. Replacement body parts, however, tend to be of lower quality than the bumpers and fenders produced by the original manufacturer.

Parts satisfaction is a key operation in auto dealerships, Powers said. Parts and service account for 14 percent of the average dealer's sales and 70 percent of its profits.

Red, black and white cars and trucks require more frequent waxings because those colors are more susceptible to damage from acid rain and ultraviolet light rays, according to the International Carwash Association. To keep it looking its best, your vehicle needs to be washed every 10 days or after rain showers and snow falls, the association says. Waxing is suggested every six months - but more often for the dangerous colors.



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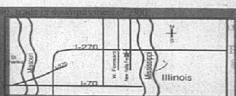
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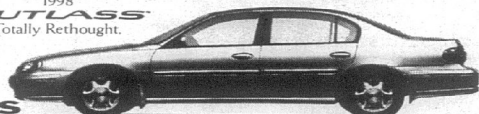
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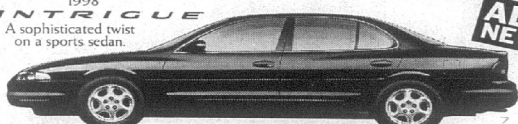
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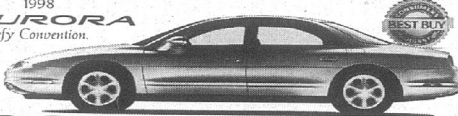


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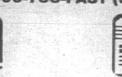
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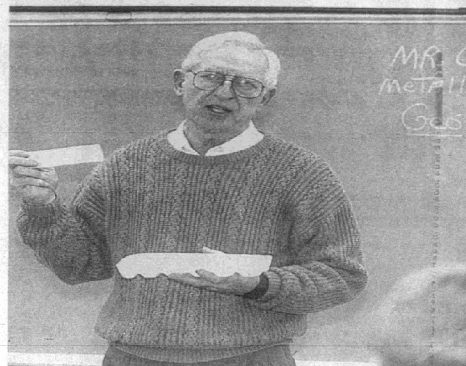
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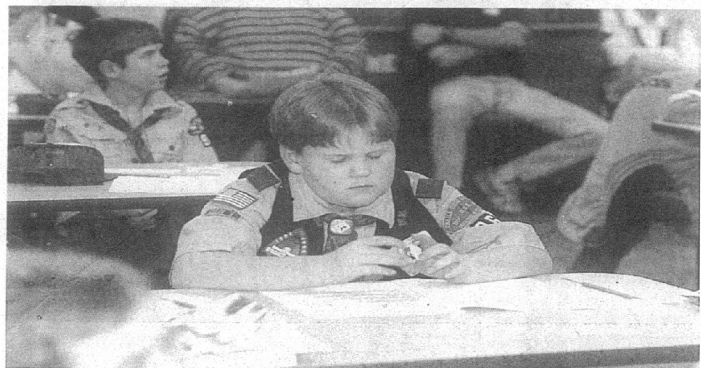
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PEOPLE



Staff photo by JOHN FRESI

Cameron McMasters, at left, compares the weights of three different metals — cobalt, indium and titanium — as Ed Christ, above, holds up a card with the descriptions of several mineral samples held in an egg carton.

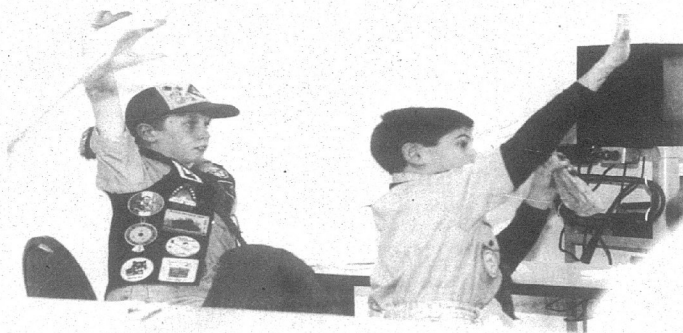


Webelos Scout David Whitaker looks over a iron pyrite — fool's gold — sample Christ handed out to the scouts during his presentation.

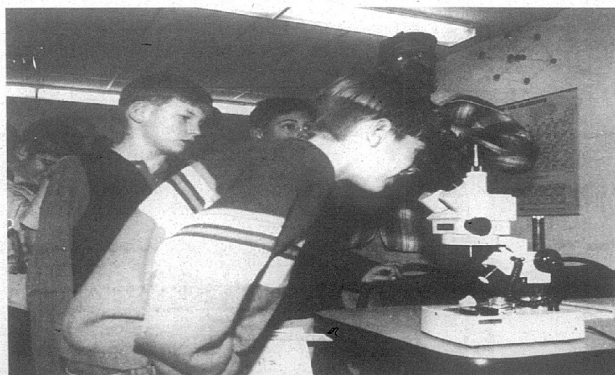
Going heavy metal in the classroom



Above, Andy Lybarger and Ryan Jones look at a group of ore stones while BAC instructor Ed Christ explains what metals can be extracted from them. * left, Christopher Ortiz looks at a native copper sample while his stepfather, Wesley McClery, listens to Ed Christ's class. Below, Christ explains to the scouts why the atomic structures of metals can give them different weights and properties.



Ryan Jones and Andy Lybarger raise their hands to ask questions.



Josh Feeney looks at some mineral samples under the microscope.



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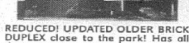
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3 BEDROOM ON A BIG ACRE LOT priced in the \$30's. Newer siding and roof. Large big back porch. Come see it today! Call Neva Lucas LG585.

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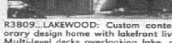
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